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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda,
October 1997

AGENCY: Panama Canal Commission.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this agenda is to report the proposed rulemaking activities of the Panama Canal Commission. This information will allow the public to participate in the rulemaking process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about a particular

regulatory project, contact the person listed in the subheading "Agency Contact" for that project. For general information, contact John A. Mills, Secretary, Panama Canal Commission, International Square, 1825 I Street NW., Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20006-5402, (202) 634-6441 TDD or e-mail PanCanalWO@AOL.COM; or John L. Haines, Jr., Esquire, General Counsel, Panama Canal Commission, Unit 2300, APO AA 34011-2300, 011/507-272-7511.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Executive Order 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, require that executive agencies publish in the

Federal Register a semiannual notice of regulations which are under development or review or for which action has been completed. The Panama Canal Commission agenda contains certain regulations which are limited in public impact, but they are included to increase public awareness of Commission activities and to allow for increased public participation in the Agency's regulatory review and development process. This agenda was prepared pursuant to guidelines established by the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

John A. Mills,
Secretary, Panama Canal Commission.

PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION (PANAMA)

Proposed Rule Stage

3954. • PANAMA CANAL
COMMISSION ACQUISITION
REGULATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 40 USC 486(c)

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 35

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,
January 1, 1999.

Abstract: Publication of a revised Panama Canal Commission Acquisition Regulation to become the sole, comprehensive and autonomous

procurement regulation applicable to the Panama Canal Commission suitable for adoption and uninterrupted use by the Government of Panama after Canal transfer on December 31, 1999.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/98	
Final Action	09/00/98	
Final Action Effective	01/00/99	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this action.

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Final Rule Stage

3955. DANGEROUS CARGOES; RADIO
COMMUNICATION

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3811; EO
12215

CFR Citation: 35 CFR 113.49(b)
(Revision)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Panama Canal Commission is proposing to make the following change and clarification:

35 CFR 113.49(b): Explosive cargo to be used for other than official U.S. Government purposes may not be loaded or offloaded at facilities of the Panama Canal Commission. Explosive anchorages prescribed in sections

101.8(a)(2)(3) and 101.8(c)(2), respectively, may be used upon approval of the Marine Safety Advisor, or his designee and concurrence of Canal Ops Captain.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/00/97	
Final Action Effective	01/00/98	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3956. VESSEL TRANSIT
RESERVATION SYSTEM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3811

CFR Citation: 35 CFR 103 (Revision);
35 CFR 104

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule constitutes the Panama Canal Vessel Transit Reservation System, which allows vessels to reserve transit slots in advance of arrival at the Panama Canal and be moved through the canal on pre-assigned dates.

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Final Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/05/97	62 FR 9997
NPRM Comment Period End	04/04/97	
Final Action	10/00/97	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION (PANAMA)

Long-Term Actions

3957. • BOARD OF LOCAL INSPECTORS; MARINE ACCIDENTS; LICENSING OF OFFICERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3777; 22 USC 3778; 22 USC 3811

CFR Citation: 35 CFR 115; 35 CFR 117; 35 CFR 119

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Under an agencywide reorganization plan, the Marine Director (previously an active duty retired U.S. Naval Officer) is no longer required to have ship handling experience. That change eliminates the need for, and utility of, that official's oversight of the investigative, examination, and licensing functions of the BLI and, in keeping with the goal of streamlining the agency, the administrative position of supervising inspector is being eliminated. Henceforth, the BLI will forward its investigative reports directly to the Administrator for approval. Other

duties previously performed by the Supervising Inspector are either being eliminated or assumed by the Administrator or his designee.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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3958. • TOLLS FOR USE OF CANAL; RULES FOR MEASUREMENT OF VESSELS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 22 USC 3791; 22 USC 3792

CFR Citation: 35 CFR 133.1; 35 CFR 135.1; 35 CFR 135.32

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Panama Canal Commission proposes to set a fixed, minimum toll rate for certain small vessels, the definition of which is still under consideration, which transit the Canal.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	00/00/00	

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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Completed Actions

3959. • HEALTH, SANITATION, AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 22 USC 1102b

CFR Citation: 35 CFR 61

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Panama Canal is amending its rules to delete references to activities assumed by the Republic of Panama in accordance with the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977, to correct

titles of Commission Officers, and to state correctly the sanitation and communicable disease surveillance activities performed by the Commission. The amendments are technical changes only which do not change the procedural rights or responsibilities of the users of the canal.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/23/97	62 FR 33747

Small Entities Affected: None

Government Levels Affected: None

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